

Big spike for bear calls in 2023

Unsurprising perhaps to many, bear calls to Conservation more than quadrupled in our area for 2023.

According to Conservation Officer Hilary Desmarais, between Mackenzie, Mcleod Lake, and Tsay Keh there were 644 calls to the COS regarding black bears. Thirty-five bears were destroyed. This is five times the number that were destroyed in 2021 - 22, the last year for which the COS has statistics. (Mackenzie region was without a Conservation Officer in 2022-23).

In a response to *The Buzzette*, Desmarais wrote: "The destruction of a bear is not taken lightly and is only undertaken when the bear has become a risk" to community safety.

See 'Bear calls' over →

News of the Odd:

An obscure housing law in NYC allowed a man to live rent-free in a hotel for five years.

The man exploited a loophole in the law allowing occupants of single rooms in buildings constructed before 1969 to demand a six-month lease. After he stayed one night, he requested the lease.

When the hotel tried to evict him, he took his case to the state Supreme Court and won.

The building's owners were forced to give him a key.

WinterQuest adapts to odd weather

Mackenzie's annual winter festival, what used to be called Cabin Fever, has to do some nimble stepping this year with the almost unprecedented lack of snow.

This year the John Dahl trail will not be the main site.



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Williston meeting packs room

It was a packed Sas Da 'Ghe room at the Rec Centre Community Hall two weeks ago as BC Hydro presented its forecast for Williston Lake levels this spring.

While conditions are slightly improved compared to 2022 – one of those being this year's mild winter and consequent lower power demands – BC Hydro still projects operating levels between 2150 and 2147 feet this spring.

The possibility of a drop below 2150 feet raises some concerns, as this can affect

Fun Facts:

Leap Day used to be called 'Bachelor's Day' because, according to

folklore originating in Scotland, it was the one day women could propose to men.

log transport on the lake, and potentially dust conditions up the lake.

BC Hydro said it's unusual for both the Columbia and Peace systems to be in drought, as usually one can compensate for the other during dry periods.

While 2022 was a worse drought year than last year, Hydro said that 2023 saw the lowest water levels province-wide since records began in 1940.

Handy home fixes

Do you know how to flush your hot water tank? Properly plunge a toilet? Where your main water shut-off is? These were just three of many topics discussed at a talk on Simple Home Repairs given by Knut Herzog and Lucky McDonough of Mackenzie Men's Shed last weekend.

The presentation was part of Mackenzie Community Services' "How Do I...?" speakers series, which has been running since fall and which will wrap up with a March 6 evening with John Brink as a guest speaker.

Organizer Cassandra Carter said there may be budget for one more event after March – stay tuned.

Quotes:

"Whatever we plant in our subconscious mind and nourish with repetition and emotion will one day become a reality."

– Earl Nightingale



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Feb 21, 2024

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| 1. Outsiders 89 | 7. Shazaam 46 | 100, 138, Christine 100, |
| 2. Dart Vaders 83 | 8. Double Vision 41 | Dick 100, Jeanne 100 |
| 3. We Can Fix That 67 | <u>High Scores:</u> Nathan | <u>Low Scores:</u> |
| 4. Sharp Shooters 67 | 100 x 3, Cody 125, | Ashley, Luke, Dick, |
| 5. Cereal Killers 49 | Steve 100, Luke 140 | Darci, Erik, Lorraine, |
| 6. Blazing Darts 48 | Joe 125 x 2, Ashley | Cindy, Terrance |



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Tsay Keh Dene Forest Stewardship Plan Renewal

We hereby provide notice that the Tsay Keh Dene Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) located in the Mackenzie Timber Supply Area will be submitted for renewal.

The proposed FSP is now publicly available for review and for written comment at Finlay Forest Management's office from 8 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday, from February 22 to April 22, 2024.

Please call 250-645-4982 ext. 3 to book an appointment, receive an online link to the FSP, or arrange to receive more information.

Changes may be made to the FSP as a result of written comments received.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AT THE LEGION Feb 23rd, 5 - 8 pm. Philly cheese or beef dip w/ au jus, fries and coleslaw. \$18 members/ \$20 non-members. Everyone & kids welcome.

MOUNTAIN MAGIC WINTER QUEST Feb 23 - 25. Fire pit and giant board games @ Spirit Square 6 - 9:30 pm. Bannock & hot chocolate 6 pm until gone. Fireworks 6:30 pm Sat. Winery Sat night. More info @ Rec Services.

MAKING A HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINT in BC Webinar Feb 27th, 12 pm Register: peopleslaw.school.ca

THE NORTH SOUND Saskatoon indigenous/roots band plays house concert March 6th. Doors 6:30 pm. Concert starts 7 pm. Tickets \$25. BYOB. Contact Linda at (250) 997-3013.

MAGIC SQUARE

Each row, column and diagonal must add up to the same sum!
No repeating numbers!

13	1		
	11		
	6		10
		9	7

'Bear calls'...

She said removing bears is also not a long-term solution: "The removal of one bear creates space for another bear and the cycle will continue until the root cause is addressed."

Desmarais praises the District's new quest for front-loading commercial garbage bins. She also offered thanks to community members for their efforts in strapping garbage cans, picking fruit trees and keeping properties free of attractants.

"Without a consistent food source, there is no reason for the bears to be in our yards...or our community."

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"HOW TO FIND YOUR PASSION" evening with

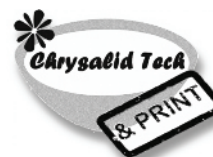
John Brink March 6th, 6 - 8:30 pm. Semi-formal event with catered dessert. Tickets \$5+ available at Mackenzie Community Services. Fundraiser for Better at Home seniors services.

PARA BIATHLON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS March 5 - 11 at Caledonia Nordic Ski Club in Prince George. caledoniacompetitions.com/

JUNIOR DETECTIVES

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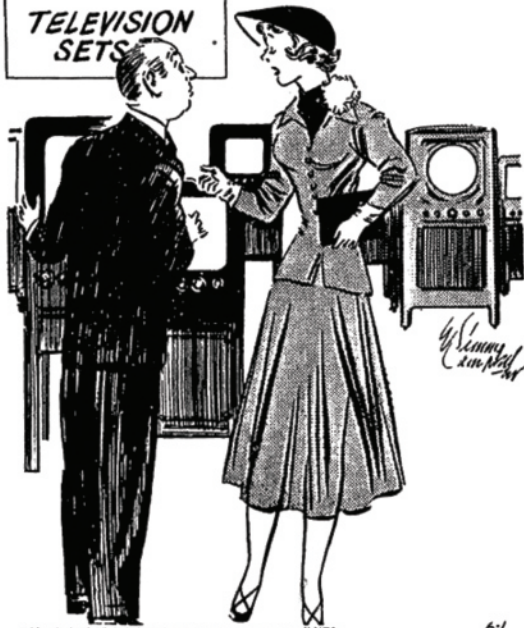
"Peanuts & Raisins"

CRYPTOQUOTE from last issue: I'd kiss a frog even if there was no chance of a Prince Charming popping out of it. I love frogs. - Carmen Diaz
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